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PEOPLE`S PARTICIPATION IN DRINKING WATER PROJECTS
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have started reforms in rural drinking water supply sector to institutionalise community participation in 63 districts of the country;

(b) if so, the number of such water scheme, initiated during 2001-2002 with people`s participation; and

(c) the target set for 2002-2003 under the scheme?

Answer

MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. VENKAIAH NAIDU)

(a): Yes Sir. The Sector Reform Projects for institutionalising community participation in Rural Drinking Water Supply Sector has now been sanctioned in respect of 64 districts across 26 States of the country.

(b) & (c): The Sector Reform Projects attempts to bring about a paradigm shift from theerstwhile centralised, Government oriented, supply driven water supply activities to decentralised, people oriented, demand driven implementation of water supply schemes. As such the project attempts to move away from target driven approach to a target free approach. The community is equipped to take their own decisions with regard to meeting their requirements of drinking water supply and are encouraged to plan, sanction, implement and manage themselves, water supply schemes of their own choice , which would be acceptable, adaptable and affordable to the community, in a purely demand driven manner. As per information received from various pilot districts more than about 5100 water supply schemes have been initiated under various reform projects across 26 States.